

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to application filed January 8, 2004 and interview conducted on September 12, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 2 and 4-8 (renumbered 1-7).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application  |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                       | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>attached</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____    | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment  |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance                         |
|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Paul J. Skwierawski (Reg. No.: 32,173) on September 12, 2007.
3. The application has been amended as follows:
  1. **(Currently Amended)** A resource reliability judging system comprising:
    - a user terminal to be used by a user who receives resource information;
    - an Internet data center that supplies performance information on a resource held by said Internet data center;
    - a user information storage center having a utilization performance record storage for storing utilization performance data of the past of said resource and evaluation result data determined by a user who used said resource; and
    - a reliability examination unit for supplying said resource information to said user terminal, wherein said reliability examination unit comprises:

a receiving section for accepting a resource reliability judgment request from said user terminal, said request including specification of resource type and condition;

a data acquisition section that accepts said resource reliability judgment request to acquire said performance information from said Internet data center and said utilization performance record data and said evaluation result data from said user information storage center; and

a reliability judge section for judging the reliability of said resource based on said data acquired by said data acquisition section and said resource type and condition specified by said user;

wherein said performance information includes information for identifying a company that manufactures said resource, and information on a type, price, performance and expandability of said resource that are required to select said resource.

**2. (Currently Amended)** A resource reliability judging system according to claim 1, wherein said resource reliability judging system includes a storage, an application and a computer that are required to configure a Web service.

**3. (Currently Cancelled)**

4. **(Currently Amended)** A resource reliability judging system according to claim 2 ~~claim 3~~, wherein said Internet data center supplies not only said performance information but also a number of payrolls, capital fund, years of business and homepage's URL of said company.

7. **(Currently Cancelled)**

8. **(Currently Amended)** A computer-readable recording medium having stored therein a program for resource reliability judgment, said program including:

a code for accepting a request for resource reliability judgment including specification of a resource type and condition sent from a user terminal used by a user who receives resource information;

a code responsive to said request for resource reliability judgment to acquire performance information on said resource held by an Internet data center from said Internet data center, and a past utilization performance record of said resource and evaluation result data made by a user who used said resource from a user information storage center; and

a code for judging the reliability of said resource based on said acquired data and said resource type and said condition specified by said user, wherein said performance information includes information for identifying a company that manufactures said resource, and information on a type, price, performance and expandability of said resource that are required to select said resource.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 1, 2, and 4-8 allowable over prior art of record in light of the Examiner's Amendment above.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not disclose, teach, or suggest neither singly nor in combination the claimed limitation of "a data acquisition section that accepts said resource reliability judgment request to acquire said performance information from said Internet data center and said utilization performance record data and said evaluation result data from said user information storage center; and a reliability judge section for judging the reliability of said resource based on said data acquired by said data acquisition section and said resource type and condition specified by said user; wherein said performance information includes information for identifying a company that manufactures said resource, and information on a type, price, performance and expandability of said resource that are required to select said resource" as recited in independent claims 1 and 8.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Y. Won whose telephone number is 571-272-3993. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th: 7AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on 571-272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner

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